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Ms. Melanie Benesh Environmental Working Group 1436 U Street, NW, Suite 100 Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. Benesh,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER DON-NAVY-2019-001346

We are providing another interim release to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 15 November 2018, regarding "...all water testing records for all Navy installations concerning contamination by PFAS chemicals."

We have identified and mailed 154 records in part, on one DVD disc. Portions of the records are being withheld under Exemption 6, which protects information that, if disclosed, would invade another individual's personal privacy (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). We expect to provide the final set of records to you by December 15, 2019, as agreed upon on July 18, 2019.

If you consider this response an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within this web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records

Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, ogis@nara.gov; (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, abby machalec@navy.mil. Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2019-001346 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,

P. A. POLLOCK

Chief Management Officer

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